



National Border Patrol Council

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The Honorable John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn,

I am writing on behalf of the 16,500 members of the National Border Patrol Council in support of your bill entitled "The Building America's Trust Act" which would finally provide the long-term multi-layered approach to border security that this nation desperately needs.

Your legislation provides the necessary support and tools that the hard-working men and women of the Border Patrol need to stop illicit trafficking, deter border crossings, and eliminate dangerous criminal cartels. The additional Border Patrol Agents this bill authorizes would provide an immediate increase in our operational control of the border by closing coverage gaps. In addition, the walls, fencing, and levees included in this bill maximize our Agents' effectiveness by allowing them to control multiple miles of territory.

During the last six months, we have seen a drastic decrease in attempted border crossings due to the new Presidential Administration allowing law enforcement to enforce existing immigration laws. As such, we applaud this bill codifying the end of President Obama's illegal "catch-and-release" program, which put dangerous criminal aliens back on our nation's streets. Finally, the additional ICE and CBP manpower and reaffirmation of the nation's commitment to law and order will strengthen interior enforcement and further deter the flood of illegal immigration.

I appreciate your leadership in providing the right tools, laws, and funding to finally gain operational control of our borders. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this issue.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Judd", is written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Judd
President
National Border Patrol Council